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REF: 1. GMP20020507000249///BIN LADIN/AL-QA'IDA/TALIBAN DEVELOPMENTS:
TEXT:

RAWALPINDI'S DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT "TALIBAN SUPREME COMMANDER MULLAH OMAR APPEARED IN KANDAHAR ON FRIDAY [3 MAY], SAID FATIHA [PRAYER FOR THE DEAD] AT GRAVES OF ARAB MARTYRS, AND LEFT FOR AN UNKNOWN PLACE ON A MOTORBIKE." BEFORE DEPARTING, MULLAH OMAR ASKED THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO "CONTINUE JIHAD." NAWA-I-WAQT SAID THAT "LATER ON, ALLIED FORCES TOOK INTO CUSTODY THE GATEKEEPER OF THE GRAVEYARD AND INTERROGATED HIM." (SAP20020506000046)

PAKISTAN TELEVISION REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT "HAS CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT NO FOREIGN FORCES ARE INVOLVED IN THE TRIBAL AREAS AND ALL OPERATIONS THERE ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY PAKISTANI FORCES." THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN, MR. AZIZ AHMED KHAN, TOLD A NEWS BRIEFING IN ISLAMABAD THAT "THERE ARE ONLY A FEW FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS IN PAKISTAN, WHO ARE HELPING IN COMMUNICATIONS AND GATHERING OF INTELLIGENCE ONLY." KHAN SAID THAT "PAKISTAN WAS VERY VIGILANT AND WAS CLOSELY GUARDING ITS BORDERS AGAINST ANY INTRUSION BY AL-QA'IDA MEMBERS." HE SAID THAT "USAMA BIN LADIN WAS NOT IN PAKISTAN AND IF HE WAS ALIVE, HE WAS PROBABLY IN AFGHANISTAN." (SAP20020506000072)

MELBOURNE'S RADIO AUSTRALIA REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT AUSTRALIA'S FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL, DARYL WILLIAMS, SAID THAT "AN AUSTRALIAN AL-QA'IDA SUSPECT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED A LAWYER WHEN HE IS INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES LATER THIS MONTH." MAMDOUH HABIB, WHO WAS TAKEN INTO US CUSTODY IN AFGHANISTAN LAST MONTH, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM AFGHANISTAN TO GUANTANAMO BAY. WILLIAMS SAID THE US HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ACCESS TO MR. HABIB. BUT, HE ADDED: "AT THIS STAGE, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT MR. HABIB AND FELLOW AL-QA'IDA SUSPECT DAVID HICKS DO NOT HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. [WILLIAMS, IN PROGRESS] - GIVEN THAT THE MEN ARE IN US MILITARY CUSTODY AND THAT THE OBJECTS OF THE VISIT ARE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES." (SEP20020506000109)

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MADRID'S INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY EL MUNDO (INTERNET VERSION) REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT THE FBI IS "DESPERATELY" SEEKING AL-QA'IDA'S RAMZI BIN AL-SHIBH, WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN SPAIN IN JULY 2001. RAMZI BIN AL-SHIBH IS THE "SUSPECTED FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

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WHO FINALIZED IN SPAIN THE PREPARATORY DETAILS OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER ATTACKS." ANTITERRORIST SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR QUOTED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES CONFIRM, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE PRESENCE IN SPAIN OF THE AL-QA'IDA MEMBER IN MID-JULY 2001. SOURCES SAID "THE ARRIVAL OF AL-SHIBH AT REUS AIRPORT ON A TOURIST FLIGHT FROM GERMANY HAS BEEN DETECTED. IT WAS ON 9 JULY LAST YEAR [2001]. JUST A FEW HOURS EARLIER, MOHAMED ATTA LANDED IN MADRID FROM MIAMI, VIA ZURICH." THE SOURCES ADDED: "ATTA HIRED A CAR AT BARAJAS [AIRPORT, MADRID] AND COVERED AS MANY AS 2,000 KILOMETERS DURING HIS 10-DAY VISIT TO SPAIN." FROM MADRID AIRPORT ATTA TRAVELED TO MALAGA, ALICANTE, AND SALOU. HE THEN RETURNED TO MADRID FOR HIS ONWARD FLIGHT TO MIAMI. THE FBI SUSPECTS THAT DURING ATTA'S TEN DAYS IN SPAIN, PROBABLY IN SALOU, ATTA MET HIS OLD FRIEND AL-SHIBH WHERE THEY TALKED THERE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER ATTACK," THE SOURCES SAID. (EUP20020506000099)
PHILIPPINES: ARMY ON FACTORS DECIMATING ABU SAYYAF FACTION HOLDING US HOSTAGES

MANILA'S PRIVATELY OWNED DAILY THE PHILIPPINE STAR REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT THE ABU SAYYAF HOSTAGES MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM AND FILIPINO NURSE DEBORAH YAP "ARE NOW BAD NEWS FOR THEIR CAPTORS." THE MILITARY SAID THE ABU SAYYAF GROUP HOLDING THE HOSTAGES HAS DWINDLED BECAUSE OF DEFECTIONS IN THE WAKE OF PRESSURE FROM THE TROOPS CONDUCTING SUSTAINED RESCUES OPERATIONS FOR THE CAPTIVES. "ULTIMATELY, IT WILL ONLY BE ABU SABAYA WHO WILL WATCH HIS OWN BACK AS MANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES BEGIN TO ESCAPE," SAID CAPT. NOEL DETOYATO, DEPUTY SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARMED FORCES' SOUTHERN COMMAND (SOUTHCOM). QUOTING TESTIMONY BY CAPTURED ABU SAYYAF MEMBERS, DETOYATO SAID "SABAYA'S FACTION HAS BEEN DECIMATED BY DEFECTIONS AND SURRENDER BECAUSE OF THE MILITARY PRESSURE." SATTAR YACUB ALIAS ABDULLAHJAM NYAYAH, FOURTH RANKING ABU SAYYAF LEADER CAPTURED BY THE TROOPS ON FRIDAY [3 MAY] IN LIMPAPA VILLAGE OFF ZAMBOANGA CITY, SAID: "IT WAS REALLY HARD TO BE WITH THE HOSTAGES BECAUSE WHEREVER WE WERE, THE MILITARY PURSUED US. SO, WE DECIDED TO SURRENDER, BUT SINCE WE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO AMNESTY, WE PLANNED TO ESCAPE AND HIDE IN OTHER PLACES." (SEP20020506000030)
NETHERLANDS: TV REPORTS RIGHT-WING POLITICIAN FORTUYN DEAD AFTER SHOOTING BY "UNIDENTIFIED GUNMAN"
PARIS AFP, CITING NOS TELEVISION, REPORTED ON 6 MAY THAT DUTCH FAR-RIGHT LEADER PIM FORTUYN DIED ON 6 MAY AFTER BEING "SHOT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE HEAD, NECK AND CHEST BY AN UNIDENTIFIED GUNMAN." (EUP20020506000364)

HILVERSUM RADIO NETHERLANDS REPORTED ON 7 MAY THAT THE MAN SUSPECTED OF MURDERING THE [FAR-RIGHT DUTCH POLITICIAN] PIM FORTUYN IS A WHITE DUTCHMAN AGED 32 FROM HARDERWIJK [TOWN IN CENTRAL NETHERLANDS]." THE SUSPECT IS THOUGHT TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST. POLICE HAVE FOUND THE SAME CALIBER OF AMMUNITION IN HIS HOME AS THE CARTRIDGE CASES FOUND AT THE ATTACK SITE. (EUP20020507000178)

SPAIN ETA DEVELOPMENTS:
MADRID'S PRESS AGENCY EFE, CITING UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES, REPORTED ON 7 MAY THAT A LIST OF POTENTIAL ETA [BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY] TARGETS HAS BEEN FOUND BY POLICE IN AN APARTMENT RENTED IN LA ROCHELLE (WESTERN FRANCE) BY JAVIER ABAUNZA

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